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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 237  
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A RESOLUTION To honor and congratulate the Lady Lions of  
Dresden Middle School for their T-N-T State  
Tournament Championship.

WHEREAS, The Tennessee General Assembly is proud to specially recognize and commend our outstanding young athletic teams, those who work hard, play with exceptional proficiency and are highly successful; and

WHEREAS, During the exciting and very memorable 2000-2001 season, one girls' middle school basketball team stood out among several excellent squads as clearly the best, the very talented Dresden squad, which captured the coveted T-N-T State Tournament championship; and

WHEREAS, Their long and arduous path to glory started with the Bradford Tip-Off Classic and victories over St. Mary's 35-29, Bradford 46-24 and St. Mary's 38-31 in the title game; and

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WHEREAS, Dresden next won the University of Tennessee at Martin Skyhawk Classic Tournament trophy, easily beating Martin 47-23, Hickman County 48-15 and McKenzie 37-19 in the title game; and

WHEREAS, The Lady Lions then defeated Gleason 38-4, Sharon 38-24, McKenzie 38-21, Greenfield 51-32, Palmersville 48-3, Medina 46-25, Clarksburg 35-9, Gleason 46-19, Sharon 44-20, Greenfield 49-28, Palmersville 41-13 and Clarksburg 42-9, to complete a rare unblemished regular season record; and

WHEREAS, This tremendously talented team next beat their archrivals in the Weakley County Tournament, adding that title to their long string of season accomplishments with victories against Sharon 58-15 and Gleason 26-5; and

WHEREAS, One last hurdle remained to reach the state tournament, a strong team from Trenton, and the Lady Lions were ready for this crucial game, winning 38-30; and

WHEREAS, At the T-N-T State Tournament held at Springfield, Plan C, as it had been called throughout the season, proved effective; Dresden defeated Caywood 39-14, Homestead 47-18 and Southside, in a hard-fought championship game, 42-39, in overtime; and

WHEREAS, This storied team completed the 2000-2001 season with a perfect 24-0 record; and

WHEREAS, Highly regarded Head Coach, Mike Riggs, and his fine Assistant Coaches Leigh Hart and Robert Browning, have carefully and expertly molded the team to be champions both on the court and off; and

WHEREAS, The team leaders were: Eighth Grade sharp shooters, Kaci Bailey, named All-State, All-County, All-Bradford Tournament and All-Skyhawk Tournament; Brooke Levister, selected All-State, All-County, All-Bradford Tournament and All-Skyhawk Tournament; and Katie Quinton, an All-State, All-County, All-Bradford Tournament and All-Skyhawk Tournament honoree; and three All-State Honorable Mentions, Eighth-Graders, Kelly Filtz, Paige Hughes and Emily Rook; and

WHEREAS, Each of the other members of the team, Eighth-Graders Samantha Taylor, Kristin Copeland, Kayla Rendon and Jessica Neisler; Seventh-Graders Danielle Blackstone, Tiffany Shopher and Stephanie Shopher; and Sixth-Graders Ashlee Dubruiel, Cassi Patterson, Brittany Bullock, Mandy Mansfield, Amanda Vogel and Allison Paschall helped the team to achieve tremendous success; and

WHEREAS, Managers, Amanda Armstrong, Paige Dilday and Nicole Kirby and Statisticians, Anderson Stallings and Wyatt Whitworth, have been diligent in their efforts; and

WHEREAS, It is fitting that the members of this great team, who are a tremendous credit to their school and community, be specially commemorated; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor and congratulate Coach Mike Riggs and the 2000-2001 Dresden Middle School Girls' Basketball Team on winning the T-N-T State Tournament, the crowning achievement of an undefeated season.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we wish them much continued success, both on and off the court.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.